

14. The self-securing prosthesis according to claim 1 wherein said first otologic structure is a malleus, said first bight is formed to attach to said malleus, said second otologic structure is a stapes, and said fastening means is formed to operatively engage said stapes.

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the examiner's statement that the claims would be allowable if amended to overcome the §112, second paragraph, rejections. Applicants have made such amendments. Claims 11-14 have been added.

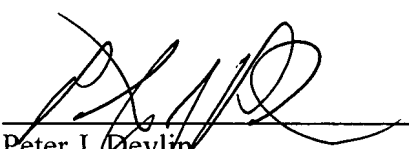
A supplemental information disclosure statement is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

A petition for a one month extension of time and a check for the required fee are enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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